

## JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

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## <u>Coronavirus</u> <u>Jasper County Government Offices</u> <u>July 2, 2020 9:00 AM</u>

Jasper County officials have continued to monitor the COVID pandemic and its effects. Due to an alarming increase of COVID-19 cases over the last three weeks, Jasper County has been faced with the tough decision to close county offices to the public once again starting on Monday, July 6th. This decision was necessary after considering several factors. Most importantly, the increase in the number of positive local COVID cases and the volume of transactions within the County office buildings was placing a greater personal risk on Jasper County employees and their families at home. Additional factors included the burden being placed on the County to supply personal protective equipment to everyone entering county buildings and the time and the expense for continual cleaning of the County facilities.

While the County is having to close buildings to the public, County owned parks and trails will remain open. The County Trash Collection sites will remain on normal operation. Business transactions with County offices will return as it was prior to the reopening on June 15<sup>th</sup> through the use of the drop-box for payments and appointments through email, our website at <a href="www.jaspercountysc.gov">www.jaspercountysc.gov</a> or by calling the individual departments. The contact listing for County departments is attached.

Wearing masks, practicing Social Distancing and frequently washing your hands are still the best ways to prevent contracting COVID-19.

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